

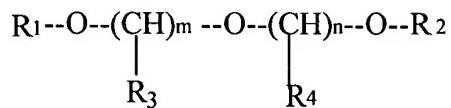
Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

We claim:

- 1) (Currently Amended) A catalytic composition of matter useful in producing foam products which comprises:
 - a) a compound of the formula:



wherein **R₁, R₂, R₃, and R₄** are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, and pentyl, and any isomers of the foregoing; and **m** and **n** are each independently whole integers between 1 and 4 inclusive;

- b) at least one amine compound Mannich condensate of an amino acid; and
 - c) a reaction product formed from the reaction between formic acid and an alkaline substance;

wherein said catalytic composition is homogeneous.

- 2) (Original) A composition according to claim 1 wherein said reaction product is present in an effective catalytic amount for promoting the reaction between a hydroxy group of an organic polyol and an isocyanate group of an organic isocyanate contained in a mixture of polyol and isocyanate to which said catalytic composition is caused to be contacted.
- 3) (Original) A composition according to claim 1 wherein said alkaline substance includes a hydroxide of a chemical species selected from the group consisting of: alkali metals, alkaline earth metals, transition metals, metals of Group IV of the Periodic Table of Elements, and substituted or unsubstituted ammonium ions.
- 4) (Original) A composition according to claim 1 wherein said alkaline substance includes an alkoxide of a chemical species selected from the group consisting of: alkali metals, alkaline earth metals, transition metals, metals of Group IV of the Periodic Table of Elements and alkyl-substituted or unsubstituted ammonium ions.
- 5) (Original) A composition according to claim 1 wherein said alkaline substance includes a cation selected from the group consisting of: monovalent metal cations, and di-valent metal cations, tetravalent metal cations, and alkyl-substituted or unsubstituted ammonium ions.

6) (Original) A composition according to claim 5 wherein said monovalent metal cation is selected from the group consisting of: sodium, potassium, rubidium, and cesium.

7) (Currently Amended) A catalytic composition of matter useful in producing foam products which comprises:

- a) a compound selected from the group consisting of: ethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, propylene glycol, ethylene glycol monomethyl ether, dipropylene glycol, and triethylene glycol;
- b) at least one ~~amino compound~~ Mannich condensate of an amino acid; and
- c) a reaction product formed from the reaction between formic acid and an alkaline substance;

wherein said catalytic composition is homogeneous.

8) (Canceled)

9) (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 1 wherein ~~said amine compound is a Mannich condensate~~ and said Mannich condensate is formed from the condensation of an alkyl phenol, formaldehyde, and an amino ~~compound~~ acid having at least one active hydrogen atom attached to a nitrogen atom.

10) (Canceled)

- 11) (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim [[10]] 7 wherein said amino acid is selected from the group consisting of: lysine, aspartic acid, ~~sarcosine~~, cysteine, proline, phenylalanine, glycine, and serine.
- 12) (Original) The composition according to claim 9 wherein said alkyl phenol includes at least one alkyl group having between 2 and 20 carbon atoms bonded to the benzene ring.
- 13) (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim 9 wherein the alkyl phenol is a mono-alkylated or di-alkylated phenol which contains at least one alkyl group selected from the group consisting of[:] methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, pentyl, hexyl, heptyl, octyl, nonyl, decyl, or any structural isomers of the foregoing bonded to the benzene ring of said phenol.
- 14) – 20) (Canceled)
- 21) (New) A composition according to claim 1 wherein said amino acid is selected from the group consisting of: lysine, aspartic acid, cysteine, proline, phenylalanine, glycine, and serine.
- 22) (New) A composition according to claim 1 wherein said amino acid is sarcosine.

- 23) (New) A composition according to claim 7 wherein said amino acid is sarcosine.
- 24) (New) A composition according to claim 7 wherein said reaction product is present in an effective catalytic amount for promoting the reaction between a hydroxy group of an organic polyol and an isocyanate group of an organic isocyanate contained in a mixture of polyol and isocyanate to which said catalytic composition is caused to be contacted.
- 25) (New) A composition according to claim 7 wherein said alkaline substance includes a hydroxide of a chemical species selected from the group consisting of: alkali metals, alkaline earth metals, transition metals, metals of Group IV of the Periodic Table of Elements, and substituted or unsubstituted ammonium ions.
- 26) (New) A composition according to claim 7 wherein said alkaline substance includes an alkoxide of a chemical species selected from the group consisting of: alkali metals, alkaline earth metals, transition metals, metals of Group IV of the Periodic Table of Elements and alkyl-substituted or unsubstituted ammonium ions.
- 27) (New) A composition according to claim 7 wherein said alkaline substance includes a cation selected from the group consisting of: monovalent metal cations, and di-valent metal cations, tetravalent metal cations, and alkyl-substituted or unsubstituted ammonium ions.

28) (New) A composition according to claim 27 wherein said monovalent metal cation is selected from the group consisting of: sodium, potassium, rubidium, and cesium.

29) (New) A catalytic composition of matter useful in producing foam products which comprises:

- a) a compound selected from the group consisting of: ethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, propylene glycol, ethylene glycol monomethyl ether, dipropylene glycol, and triethylene glycol;
- b) at least Mannich condensate of sarcosine; and
- c) a reaction product formed from the reaction between formic acid and an alkaline substance;

wherein said catalytic composition is homogeneous.